

REMARKS

Claims 1-77 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 78-140 have been added and are pending.

The additional claims fees are attached along with the Inventors Declaration and an Information Disclosure Statement with copies of the cited references. Return of an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Forms, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, are requested.

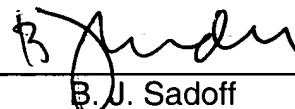
A Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt are requested.

The Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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